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Instructions of North Pyongan
Province Internal Affairs Office on
Conservation of Food Supplies

The following extracts are from a copy of Instruction No. 1049 of the North Pyongan Province Internal Affairs Office at Sinuiju on the conservation of food supplies, based on Internal Affairs Ministry Decision No. 202. The instruction was dated 11 March 1951, was signed by Yi Ch'ang-paek for the Chief of the First Bureau, and by Yi Hyong-on'ip, chief of the North Pyongan Province Internal Affairs Office, and was addressed to the chiefs of all city and county internal affairs offices.

Because of the barbarous bombing, arson, and pillage of the enemy, a large quantity of provisions was lost. Under such circumstances, Ministry Decision No. 202 was issued to appeal to all the people to participate in the food conservation movement to fulfill the demands of the front line as well as the rear areas. In order to secure thorough understanding for the principal purposes and to meet the requirements of this decision, you are instructed as follows:

- a. All administrative organs, political parties, and social groups will be mobilized to encourage the people to dispense with excessive consumption at birthday and other parties. In addition, they will instruct subordinate county people's committees to limit to a minimum the manufacture and sale of such items as Korean bread and wheat flour on the open market by controlling through permits the range of sale and by liaison with the public security branch; see that illegal sales without permission are not made.
- b. Intelligence nets shall be placed into operation to open an aggressive struggle against illicit brewing and other similar use of provisions for profiteering. No compromise shall be permitted. Waste of food from superstitious practices shall be likewise strictly controlled.
- c. Inspection of all organizations, regardless of whether a national, political, social, or communal organization, and individuals concerned in the distribution of food shall be enforced in connection with food administration organs to eliminate violations of food distribution regulations for personal gain. Violators shall be punished strictly. Intelligence nets shall be infiltrated into the necessary organizations.

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